

News Of Servicemen

Torrance area men in the armed services of the United States are dotted around the world in various posts of duty. Among those The Press has word from recently include:

Airman 3rd Class Glenn D. McMahan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn H. McMahan, of 627 Sartori Ave., has been reassigned to Nel-

lis Air Force Base, Nev.

Airman McMahan was transferred after graduating from the U.S. Air Force technical training course for jet aircraft mechanics at Amarillo (Tex.) Air Force Base. He graduated from Torrance High in 1962.

Airman 3rd Class James H. Nechvatal, the son of Mr.

and Mrs. John J. Nechvatal, of 1736 W. 238th St., Torrance, has been transferred to Travis (Calif.) Air Force Base, after graduating from a course at Amarillo.

He was trained to order and account for supplies and equipment through the use of punched card accounting machines and electronic data processing equipment. Like Airman McMahan, Airman Nechvatal is a graduate of Torrance High.

Airman 3rd Class Robert E. Stirling, whose parents live at 427 E. 229th Place

in neighboring Wilmington, has been shifted to McClellan (Calif.) Air Force Base after completing training at Sheppard (Tex.) Air Force Base.

He was graduated from the technical training course for reciprocating engine aircraft and aircraft systems. Airman Stirling graduated from Banning High School, before entering the Air Force.

From the U.S. Navy comes word that three Torrance sailors have completed their recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego. They are: Gordon L. Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Murphy, of 5018 Sepul-

veda Blvd.

Charles W. Bowman, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Bowman, of 1027 W. 226th St.

Douglas O. La Fond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. La Fond, of 18108 Faysmith Ave.

During the nine-week indoctrination to Navy life, the recruits were trained in physical fitness, basic military law, military drill, customs and etiquette of the naval service, swimming and survival, first aid, and seamanship.

Each recruit receives tests and interviews to help determine his future training and the assignments to come

later in his naval career.

From the Marine Corps comes word that Cpl. Gabriel Ramirez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Felipe Ramirez, of 1220 W. 226th St., and Pfc. John P. Burris, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Burris, of 4913 Arvada St. are serving with the First Battalion of the 9th Marine Regt.

The 9th Regiment was part of the combined United States-Thailand forces engaged in Exercise Jungle Drum II.

The exercise involved 13 ships of both navies and Marines from both countries. It was the largest assault ever staged on the Asian mainland by forces of the South

East Asia Treaty Organization.

The exercise was planned to provide training for both countries in jungle warfare.

Amphibious landing tactics, dispersal techniques and air-sea assaults were emphasized during Jungle Drum II.

Two forces clashed in the mock war near Saitahip, Thailand.

The Army reports that Pvt. Robert J. Nelson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson, of 24319 Eshelman Ave., Lomita, has been assigned to the 763rd Transportation Battalion at Fort Eustis, Va.

Nelson is a driver in the

battalion's headquarters company. He entered the Army last August and was stationed at Ft. Ord, Calif.

The 23-year-old Nelson is a graduate of Narbonne High School, Lomita, and attended Harbor Junior College, Wilmington.

AGE DISTRIBUTION

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TORRANCE APPOINTEE, Dr. Donald E. Wilson, assistant director of teacher education at the University of Southern California (right) is being congratulated by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn along with Joe Fox (left) news

conference chairman, Greater Los Angeles Press Club. Both men are Hahn's appointees to the newly reorganized Los Angeles County Commission on Alcoholism. Dr. Wilson lives at 17022 Kornblum Ave., Torrance.

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